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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices received for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday October 18 show a considerable decline compared with the prices paid last week, according to quotations cabled to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Supplies of both United States boxed and barreled stock are only moderate but much of the fruit is overripe and with only a small amount of vitality. The recent shipments of Pacific Northwest Jonathans in common storage are arriving overripe and with a slight amount of decay. Many Nova Scotian barreled apples are now beginning to arrive on the British markets, states Mr. Smith. While the Liverpool Apple Market shows a decline the Co. Michigan market, according to Mr. Smith, is stronger.

Virginia Stayman Winesaps topped the market in Liverpool this week, the U. S. No. 1 grade 2½ inch selling at from \$8.15 to \$8.27 per barrel, which is approximately equivalent to \$5.85 to \$5.96 per barrel f.o.b. Winchester. Last week this size and grade brought from \$8.52 to \$8.64 per barrel. The Stayman Winesaps were only in light supply and the demand for the fruit was good notwithstanding the fact that much of the offerings of this variety were in an overripe condition. There was also a very good demand for Virginia Jonathans. Only light supplies were available, however, and practically all of the fruit was overripe and in poor condition. For that reason the U. S. No. 1 grade 2½ inch brought only from \$6.81 to \$7.91 per barrel, as against \$9.73 to \$10.95 per barrel last week.

The supplies of and the demand for Virginia York Imperials were only moderate, the U. S. No. 1 grade 2½ inch and size selling at from \$6.81 to \$7.30 per barrel as against \$8.52 to \$9.25 per barrel last week. Many of the Yorks were in an overripe condition. Virginia Ganos were in light supply but sold only moderately at from \$6.08 to \$7.66 per barrel for U. S. No. 1 2½ inch because of the slack condition of much of the fruit. There was a good demand, however, for Virginia Ben Davis and Maine Baldwins both of which were in light supply. Good condition Ben Davis U. S. No. 1 2½ inch sold readily at from \$6.81 to \$7.30 per barrel as against \$7.79 to \$7.91 per barrel last week. The same size and grade of Maine Baldwins passed the hammer quickly at from \$7.42 to \$7.66 per barrel.

Many of the United States barreled varieties during the past week showed a large amount of slacks, states Mr. Smith. The market for the week on low grade stock and on fruit not in standard merchandising condition closed at from \$4.87 to \$6.08 per barrel. The depreciation on slack barrels was approximately 50 cents per barrel. Boxed varieties were only in light supply. There-

was a good demand for Washington Jonathans, Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 150, 163/175 selling quickly at from \$3.89 to \$4.14 per box which is equivalent to approximately \$2.21 to \$2.44 per box f.o.b. Wenatchee. Last week the same grade and size of Jonathans brought from \$4.14 to \$4.20 per box. The demand for Oregon Gravensteins was very slow, combination (extra fancy and fancy) 150, 163/175, selling at from \$2.92 to \$3.04 per box as against \$2.80 to \$3.10 per box last week.

The following table gives the range of prices paid for American fruit in the Liverpool auction during the past two weeks:

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		October 12, 1927	Oct. 19, 1927
Apples:		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperials			
U.S. No. 1 2½ inch	Virginia	\$8.52 - 9.25	\$6.81 - 7.30
Unclassified (fair condition) ...	"	a/	6.20 - 6.32
U. S. Commercial, 2½ inch	"	a/	6.69 - 6.93
Grimes Golden, unclassified	"	6.08 - 6.69	a/
Stayman Winesap, U.S. No. 1 2½ in.	"	8.52 - 8.64	8.15 - 8.27
Ber Davis, U.S. No. 1 2½ inch	"	7.79 - 7.91	6.81 - 7.30
Unclassified (fair condition) ...	"	6.57 - 6.81	6.08 - 6.41
Jonathans, U.S. No. 1 2½ inch	"	9.73 - 10.95	6.81 - 7.9
Gano, U.S. No. 1 2½ inch	"	a/	6.08 - 7.66
Baldwin, U.S. No. 1 2½ inch	Maine	a/	7.42 - 7.66
Jonathans:		Per box	Per box
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Washington	4.14 - 4.20	3.89 - 4.14
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.16 - 3.65	3.41 - 3.65
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.89 - 4.08	3.65 - 3.95
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	3.04 - 3.47
Gravenstein, Combination,			
(Extra Fancy & Fancy) 150,163/175	Oregon	2.80 - 3.10	2.92 - 3.04
King Davis, Combination,			
(Extra Fancy & Fancy) 150,163/175	Washington	3.53 - 3.65	a/
Combination, (Extra Fancy & Fancy):			
188/smaller	"	2.68 - 3.16	a/
Pears:			
Bartlett	California	4.50 - 4.68	4.87 - 5.11
Hardy	"	4.56 - 4.62	a/
Bosc	"	4.87 - 5.47	4.62 - 5.11
D'Anjou	Oregon	4.87 - 5.35	a/
Winter Nelis	California	a/	5.60 - 6.33
Kliffer	New York	2.92 - 4.87	3.55 - 7.18
		Per case	Per case
Prunes	Idaho	2.31 - 2.37	2.31 - 2.37
Grapefruit	Florida	6.33 - 6.45	4.14 - 4.36
Grapefruit	Jamaica	4.38 - 5.96	a/

a/ None quoted in cable.

b/ Poor condition.

c/ Slack condition.

